

**Resolution authorizing a contract with the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy from the Real Estate Assessment Fund to conduct a study of the use and impact of real property tax abatements and their relation to property valuation utilizing non-general funds (Franklin County Auditor) (\$49,800)**

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor's Office is responsible for the ongoing valuation of over 440,000 parcels of real estate in Franklin County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor's Office has begun efforts on its 2017 Sexennial Reappraisal for the revaluation of all parcels of real estate in Franklin County for tax assessment purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is an independent, nonpartisan organization whose mission is to help solve global economic, social, and environmental challenges to improve the quality of life through creative approaches to the use, taxation, and stewardship of land; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor's Office solicited bids from twelve respected research and policy institutes, and the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy was both the lowest bid and best bid for the project; and

**WHEREAS**, the contract documents and statement of work shall be the governing documents which are fully incorporated herein, and are binding on both parties; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of the contract shall be in effect from the Effective Date of the Contract for a period of 9 months; and

**WHEREAS**, the County has allocated funds in the Real Estate Assessment Fund Budget for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the Auditor's Office recommends the County enter the Contract with the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy to conduct a study of the use and impact of real property tax abatements and their relation to property valuation.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

That the attached purchase order proof list and contract are hereby approved.

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AGENCY  
Franklin County Auditor

CONTRACT AMOUNT  
\$ 49,800.

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cc: Commissioners  
Auditor  
Lincoln Institute of Land Policy